

# *Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association*

COMMON GROUND COUNTRY FAIR

March 10, 2014

The Honorable Representative Fred Upton  
Chair House Energy and Commerce Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Upton,

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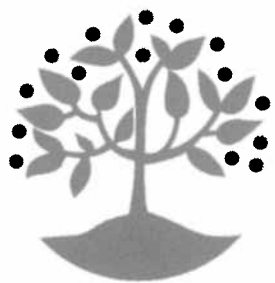
Sincerely,

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Ranking Member House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy  
United States House of Representatives  
2463 Rayburn HOB  
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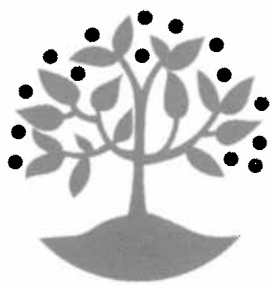
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Chair House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy  
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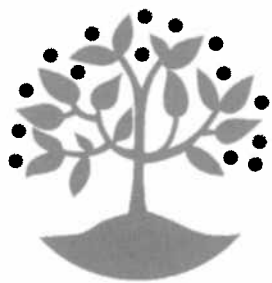
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